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PATENT
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Kenichi Nagasawa, et al.
Serial No.: 09/437,694
For : SIGNAL RECORDING APPARATUS
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.121(a)

In response to the Office Action of August 2, 2000,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 11-21 and add claims 22-30 as follows:

- 22. A digital information signal coding apparatus,
comprising:
- a) input means for selectively inputting a
first digital information signal or a second digital information
signal;
 - b) first coding means for outputting N bits
data by coding the first digital information signal, the N
representing an integer not less than 2;